

## ABC BOARD

Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 2:00 p.m.  
Location: ABC Administration Offices, 201 W. Fairfield Road  
Council Liaison: JONES  
Length of terms: 3 years  
(appointments are not ward specific)

## DUTIES

In 1937, an Alcoholic Beverage Control bill was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly that created the foundation for the system of control we operate under today. This Act allowed voters in each county to determine whether or not spirituous liquor should be sold at retail. If approved by the local voters, the Act provided for the establishment of a local ABC board that has the authority and duty to operate one retail ABC store. If disapproved at the county level, local towns or municipalities could then vote on the issue. The Act also provided for the establishment of a State ABC Commission to have oversight authority with respect to each local ABC Board.

Today, there are 168 local ABC systems in the State that operate 415 retail stores. Fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the retail and mixed beverage sales totaled approximately \$720 Million. County and municipal ABC Boards in North Carolina are local independent political subdivisions of the State. They operate as separate entities establishing their own policies and procedures.

Each local ABC Board consists of a Chairman and two to six (depending on the Board size) board members appointed by their city, town or county governing authority. They retain authority to set policy and adopt rules in conformity with ABC Laws and Commission Rules.

### High Point Board of Alcoholic Control Members

	<u>Term Ends</u>
<b>Mary Lou Blakeney</b>	February 8, 2024
<b>Elizabeth Koonce</b>	November 15, 2023
<b>James Tanner</b>	November 15, 2024
<b>Ashley Tillery</b> Finance	February 8, 2024
<b>David Wall, Chair</b>	November 15, 2025